

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A photographic engraving process ~~capable of~~ to provide an engraving with high definition on a contoured metal surface, comprising the steps of:

obtaining a photographic positive or negative of the image to be reproduced in the engraving;

cleaning, degreasing, and polishing ~~a~~ the metal surface where the engraving is to be made;

impregnating said metal surface with photosensitive emulsion;

making contact between said surface to be engraved and said photographic positive or negative, using a press in which exposing radiation passes through a pressure-applying medium which ~~adapts deforms to adapt~~ to the contours of said emulsion-bearing surface;

exposing said surface to actinic light through the photographic positive or negative and said pressure-applying medium;

developing said emulsion ~~by attacking the metal with salts or acids on the areas unprotected by emulsion;~~

attacking the metal surface with salts or acids on the areas unprotected by emulsion;

stripping said protective emulsion and cleaning the remains of said salts or acids; and

applying a protective layer of transparent enamel.

Claim 2 (original): The process according to claim 1, wherein said metal surface to be treated consists of a thin metal film applied to a ceramic surface, and further comprising the step of baking of the whole at temperatures of from 700° to 800°C.

Claim 3 (original): The process according to claim 1 further comprising a step of hardening said developed emulsion by heating it to a temperature of at least 200°C.

Claim 4 (original): A process according to claim 3, wherein said hardening is at a temperature of from 200°C to 400°C.